"Since all the world is steeped in sin, Were it not well," quoth he. "That some inquiries should begin At home, like charity?"

And so this very simple man Put questions to himself. Though surely 'twas a worn-out plan, Fit for a dusty shelf.

He arked if he had ever bent To custom's smug control.

And made—'twas so expedient—
Small rebates to his soul.

Then how before all searching eyes
Would show his kindliest act?
In what preservatives and dyes
Were half his motives packed?

Honor like his stood so secure That none could tempt it—still, Had he, with specious, subtle lure, Bribed never yet his will?

Thus did the simple citizen Probe in his private court;
The findings lie beyond our ken—
He's published no report.

-M. A. De Wolfe Howe, in Youth's Com-



La Piroche is a village I do not know, but which must be built like all villages. It is the year 1418, and two men, one the father of the other, are trotting briskly along the road. "Shall we be in time?" asked the

'Yes; it is not till two o'clock," replied the father, "and it is only a quarter-past twelve by the sun." "I am curious to see it."

"I believe you." "So he is to be hanged in the armor he has stolen?"

"Yes." "What put it into his head to steal a suit of armor?"

"The idea wasn't the difficult thing to get hold of."

No, it was the armor," interrupted the son, who wished to have his part in this sorry jest. "Was the armor handsome?"

"Gorgeous, they say-all inlaid with gold." "And they caught him as he was

carrying it off?" "Yes; you understand that this

armor did not let itself be carried off without making a noise; it did not wish to leave its legitimate owners. The people in the chateau were awakened, the man was arrested, and the Lord of La Piroche has sentenced him to be hanged clad in the armor." Why this clause in the sentence?'

"Because the Lord de la Piroche is not only a brave captain, but a man of sense and intellect, who wishes to extract from this just sentence an example for others and a profit for himself. You know whatthe possessor. The Lord de la Piroche has, therefore, ordered that the criminal shall be clothed in the armor, that he may take it back when lives. All the playfulness of eager in the approaching wars

"That's very curious." "I believe you."

"Let us make haste. I am eager to see this poor fellow hanged." "We have plenty of time. Don't ler's tire our nags."

A great crowd witnessed the execution, which came off punctually. The thief was hanged in the armor he had stolen, with the vizor of the helmet down, and his hands tied behind him.

The next morning, at daybreak, two guards came out of the chateau de la Piroche to take down the body of the culprit, from which they were to remove their lord's armor, but they found something they were far from expecting—the gallows and rope were there, but the criminal was gone.

The two guards rubbed their eyes, thinking they must be dreaming. But the fact was palpable enough. No body, no armor. And what was extraordinary was that the rope was neither broken nor cut, but just as to him who should produce the cul- almost perfect. prit clad as he was when he died.

was discovered. La Piroche was lady and you will see a manner which about to accept the result and put up is tender and caressing, and at the with his loss, when, one morning on same time exquisitely protective .waking, he heard a great noise in the London Tribune. square where the execution had taken place. He was getting ready to investigate the cause of it when his chaplain entered the room.

"My lord," he said, "do you know what has happened?"

"No, but I'm going to inquire." "I can tell you."

"What is it?"

"A miracle." "Really?"

"The man that was hand 1 -"Well?"

"He is there. "Where?"

"At the gallows."

"With his armor?"

"With his armor."

"That's right, for it belongs to me. 'And is he dead?"

"Quite dead-only-

"Only what?"

"Did he have spurs on when he was hanged?" "No."

"Well, he wears them now. And instead of having his helmet on he has deposited it at the foot of the stories illustrating character in the gallows, and is bareheaded.

"Let us go and see at once, master chaplain."

than in eight days it looked like a ass!"

rag, and at the end of a fortnight looked like nothing at all. How happened it the culprit was saved? It was said that two peasants, returning at nightfall, and passing near the gibbet, heard something like moans and a prayer. They used the ladder the hangman had left, planted it, climbed up and questioned the sufferer.

"Are you alive?" "Yes.

"Do you repent of your crime?" "Yes."

Then the father and son took him down. The rope instead of pressing the culprit's neck had passed round the base of the helmet, so that he was suspended, but not strangled, and had recovered his breath when our two friends came up. They took him down and carried him home, where he was confided to the care of the peasant's wife and young daughter.

But he who has once stolen will steal again. There were only two things to steal at the peasant's. These were his horse and his daughter; the latter a fair-haired girl of sixteen. The robber determined to steal both, for he coveted the horse and had fallen in love with the girl. He succeeded in saddling the horse, but the girl awoke, gave the alarm, and told her father that the villain had attempted to abduct her.

Tthe father and brother, finding no genuine repentence could be expected from such a man, tied him across the horse, took him to the square of La Piroche, and hung him in the old place, putting his helmet on the ground to make sure he did not escape again. Then they went quietly home, satisfied that they had done their duty. As for the Lord de la Piroche, now he had a sure protection in the recovered armor. He went gaily to the war, and was the very first man killed

PLEA FOR BRIDE'S FIRST KISS.

One Man Who Has Been Six Times a "Best Man" Defends Custom.

The Vicar of Tintwistle, England, having declared that the "foolish and irreverent" custom of kissing the bride after the ceremony should be stopped, is thus answered by one signing himself "Six Times Best Man."

"As I have on six occasions filled the invidious position of best man, I trust you will grant me space to deliver an emphatic protest against the abolition of this good old English custom, which is, apparently, wished by some clergymen and many curates.

"Is there to be no reward for the unfortunate 'best man' who has borne for hours on his shoulders all the worries and responsibilities of the important ceremony; the rallying of the trembling bridegroom, the supervision of all the social arrangements, and the departure of the happy pair from the church, to say nothing of the lavish scattering of largesse to every hanger-on within and without, for which, by the way, he is very seldom reimbursed? I reever has touched a man who has peat, is there no reward for all these been hanged becomes a talisman for manifold difficulties successfully ac-

"To the bride and bridegroom it is the solemnly joyous moment of their he is dead, and thus have a talisman friends and even the ecclesiastical chivalry of the minister should not be allowed to rob the parties of a kiss, the remembrance of which will remain with the happy pair all their lives."-Daily Mail.

Spanish Politeness.

It has been said that the French are the most polite people in the world, writes our lady correspondent in San Sebastian, but I do not think any one who really knows them will agree. However, they have some charming little ways, and when they are rude it is because they are, deep down, thoroughly selfish. My personal opinion is that the Spaniard is about the most delightfully polite person one can possibly encounter.

If you ask your way in the street, of some ordinary woman, she will almost certainly go out of her way to accompany you down the street and to carefully put you on the right road. They are very cheerful and

gay, but they are never vulgar-as we understand the word in England. Even the men in the streets who it was before the robber was sus- stand and frankly stare at a pretty pended by it. The two guards went girl do it in a light hearted, pleasant to tell the news to the Lord de la way which does not give offense. As Piroche. The Lord de la Piroche to the manners of Spanish men bepromised a reward of ten gold crowns longing to the best society, they are

Watch a Spaniard of distinction Houses were searched, but nothing address his mother or any elderly

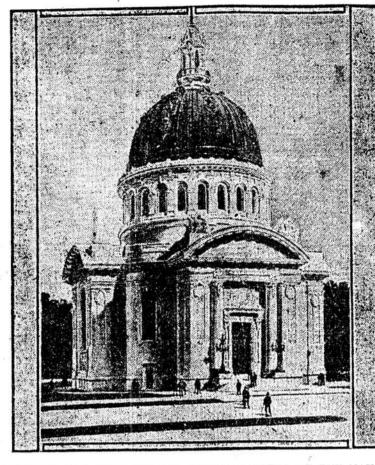
Problems of the Pygmies.

Richard Weinberg takes up once more, in the Biologisches Centralblatt, the question of the origin of the various pygmy races of mankind, and their relation to the earliest representatives of the human species. Because the dwarfs of Africa appear to be superior in intelligence to surrounding negro races of greater stature, some have argued that they represent the primitive type of human differentiation. Weinberg thinks it more probable that the pygmies are simply a variety, and that they no more represent the original type of man than do the taller races. Even yet it is found that the human stature is subject to notable variations, and that these variations have an effect upon hereditary.

Wisdom of a Persian Judge.

Professor Williams Jackon tells in his "Persia, Past and Present," some land of Omar Khayyam. One is of a man, who, suffering from inflamed eyes, went to a horse doctor for The Lord de la Piroche hastened treatment. The veterinary gave him to the square, which was full of curi- some of the salve that he used on ous spectators. The neck of the animals and the man lost his eyecriminal had been replaced in the sight. He then brought suit in court slip noose, the body was at the end to recover damages. The Judge, afof the rope, and the armor on the ter weighing the evidence in the case, body. The people declared it a mira- handed down his decision as follows: The body was taken down and "There is no damage to be recovered; stripped, then hanged again, and the the man would never have gone to crows went to work on it so busily the veterinary if he had not been an

Chapel For Naval Cadets.



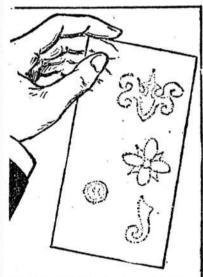
DESIGN OF THE NEW CHAPEL TO BE ERECTED AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS.

Ernest Flagg, Architect.

Breath Drawings.

Some curious experiments may be made with the breath. On a pane of glass, or a mirror that has not been polished just beforehand, trace a figure, or a letter, or a name, with your finger; nothing will be visible. But breathe on the glass, and the tracing will at once appear.

Now, on a freshly polished plate of metal or glass, place a coin. After a few moments remove the coin, and nothing will be seen on the surface, but breathe on it where the coin was lying, and an image of it will appear. If you polish the coin instead of the metal or glass, the same effect will be



Traceries on the Glass

produced when you breathe on the surface.

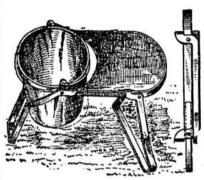
If you have a plate of glass that has been against an engraving for several years, breathe on that side of it, and the lines of the engraving will become visible. This may fail sometimes, but rarely.

Does all this sound like magic? The explanation is a natural one. On the surface of all solids a fayer of gas, vapor and fine dust gathers. When you polish the object, the layer is removed, or it is altered by the contact of other solids. If the object is breathed upon, the breath condenses more easily on some parts than it does on others, according to the condition or state of this layer, and therefore any marks made on it will become visible.—New York Mail.

The percentage of improved land, that is, land under crops and grass, is in this country twenty-two; in England it is seventy-six; in Germany about sixty.

Foldable Milking Stool and Pail Holder.

A very convenient device for the farm has recently been invented by a resident of Iowa. It consists of a milking stool which can be folded when not in use, and a pail holder at-



tached to the stool, which can be adjusted to suit the convenience of the user. The frame for the pall consists of a spring clasp, which permits the pail to be inclined toward the cow, is desired, or moved to an upright position to prevent spilling the milk. The pail is held in the position at which it is set by the frictional contact of the clasp.-Scientific American.

Puttees For Women. Spiral puttees, shaped so as to

wind from ankle to knee without any turns and twists, are an English nov-

They are made in colors to match



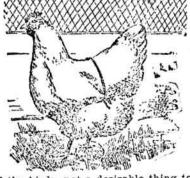
the costume. Worn with spats, are a valuable item in a wor outing equipment.-New York

There are 17,000 daily paper lished in the English langu



NEW UNITED STATES ARMY AMBULANCE IN ACTION.

Subduing Flying Fowls. get uneasy and long for freedom;



of the birds, not a desirable thing to do if they happen to be high-class fowls. A better plan-is to attach the little arrangement here described. Take a stout cord and tie around the points of the feathers on the wings mainly used in flying. Tie one wing | roll 2500 cigarettes a day.

in this manner, then pass the cord When fowls are kept confined they over the back and the the other wing. Be careful not to draw the cord too this is particularly the case with the tight, but leave it so that the fowl smaller breeds. The common meth- can carry the wings in a natural pood of prevention is to clip the wings sition and it will do no harm .- Indianapolis News.

Earth's Piecrust Surface.

How thick is the earth's crust? R. J. Strutt, son of Lord Rayleigh, after a long series of experiments, estimates it as forty-five miles. This deduction coincides more or less closely with that of Professor Milne, the seismologist. Mr. Strutt believes that at the depth of forty-five miles the internal heat of the earth reaches 2732 degrees Fahrenheit. The moon it not "dead," according to the same scientist, but continues to possess volcanic energy. He believes, too, that the internal heat of the moon is greater that that of the earth .- Kansas City Star.

An expert cigarette maker will

AMERICAN POLICY

Columbia Professor Tells Germans Monroe Doctrine Not Needed.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS PRESENT

Text of Speech of Professor Burgess at the University of Berlin-Great Comment Caused in Europe on the Statements Made.

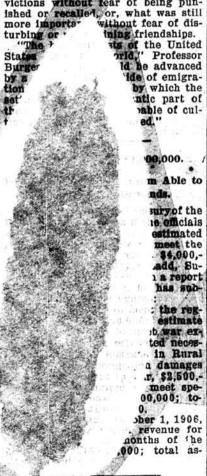
Berlin.-The text of the speech delivered by Professor Burgess, dean of Columbia University, the first incumbent of the Theodore Roosevelt professorship of American history and instruction at the University of Berlin, has been printed by the university press and widely distributed in official and scholastic circles. There was some curiosity to see precisely what Professor Burgess said regarding the Monroe Doctrine being out of date, upon the obsoleteness of the high protective tariff and on the United States' interests being promoted by the extensive German emi-

gration to South America. As the address was made in the presence of the Emperor and frequent references were made in it to President Roosevelt the impression appears to have been made that the President desired to send a message to Germany on those subjects. Some of the papers give prominence to Professor Burgess' remarks concerning the Monroe Doctrine, seemingly attributing significance to it. A translation of the passage in question fol-

"In my first meeting with the President after my appointment to this professorship it pleased him to address me as an ambassador of peace, friendship and civilization. He gave proof through this that he recognized and appreciated the great idea which His Majesty, the highly gifted and magnanimous German Emperor, gave to the world January It is the opinion of the President, it is the opinion of my countrymen in general, that this idea is the most pregnant that has come forth in our time, and that it gives evidence of the great sense of culture and extraordinary political wisdom of its mighty author. The execution of this idea makes it possible to subtance which can scarcely be touched upon in a diplomatic way to the most fundamental examination and the most friendly consideration. "There are, for example, two doc-

trines in the policy of the United States which are regarded almost as holy doctrines, the discussion of which may not even be proposed by a foreign power without risk of awaking hostility in the United States. These are the high protect-ive tariff theory and the Monroe Doctrine. Our politicians do not appear to have the least notion that both of these doctrines are most obsolete and that the reconstruction of European States and their constitutions the acceptance by the United States itself of its position as a world power have made them both nearly sense-

Professor Burgess said he regarded the discussion of the protective tariff diplomatically between the United States and any foreign Government as futile, but the new ambassalors of peace and culture would be wholly free from limitations such as bound the diplomatists. They would be able to speak from their own con-victions without fear of being punished or recalled, or, what was still without fear of dismore imports ining friendships. turbing or



Planters Killed in Duel. Brevest Ryan and L. A. Wright, well-known planters at L'Argent, Miss., became involved in a duel with pistols, following a game of cards, and both were killed. J. W. Breland, in whose store the shooting occurred, was killed attempting to separate

Newfoundland Fisheries Agitation. Winston Spencer Churchill further explained in the House of Commons the attitude of the British Government on the Newfoundland fisheries question; newspapers at St. John's continue to attack the modus vivendi with the United States.

ty-four Cuban officials in the effort to keep down the expenses of the island government. Feminine News Notes.

Cuban Officials Dismissed.

Governor Magoon dismissed nine-

Thirty-eight women principals in

public schools of Manhattan and the Bronx are suing New York City for alleged unpaid salaries. killed. Miss Clara Clemens, the talented

daughter of Mark Twain, made her debut as a concert singer before a fashionable audience in Norfolk,

Mary J. Holmes, author of about half a hundred novels which have been widely read, resides in Brockport, N. Y., where she has lived fifty years. Her first novel was published

FEATHERS GLUED ON WOMAN

CALLED OBSOLETE Four Matrons of East Sandy, Pa. Humiliate Her.

> Pour Molasses on Her, Lead Her Through Mining Camp and Tie Her in the Woods.

Franklin, Pa .- Four married women of the village of East Sandy, four miles from here, treated a neighbor to a coat of stove polish. molasses and feathers.

They were arrested, pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$10 each.

The four women are respected members of the community. They are Mrs. Verda Lowry, Mrs. Bertha Brinkman, Mrs. Nellie Glaze and Mrs. Hilda Pherson.

Their victim was Mrs. Hattie Lowry, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Verda Lowry, their husbands being broth-The four women called at the

home of Mrs. Lowry and told her they intended to humiliate her fore the community. Two of the women seized her while the other wo laubed stove polish on her face. Then molasses was poured over her head and feathers were applied.

Thus adorned, the woman was marched from her home to a railroad camp, where 200 men are employed. There was a suspension of work until the self-appointed vigilance committee took their victim to the outskirts of the town, where they tied her to a tree and left her. A man came along half an hour later and released the captive.

Mrs. Lowry came to Franklin and had warrants issued for the women. Sheriff McElhinney went to East Sandy and arrested all but Mrs. Pherson, who was not at home.

When the three were arraigned before Alderman Henderson they pleaded guilty. Mrs. Glaze said they had no regrets

for what they had done. She said the woman's actions were intolerable Mrs. Lowry, the victim, said there was no justification for such treat-

ment and that she will continue to live at East Sandy. The discipline was not inflicted without warning, the four women said. It was asserted by one of them that they had told Mrs. Lowry if she did not mend her ways they would revenge themselves upon her for the disgrace they said she had brought on the community. Men who criti-

cised their conduct were the more se-

vere because one of the four women

was the victim's sister-in-law, Mrs. Verda Lowry They said the sister at least should not have mixed in such an affair, whatever the other women might have felt called on to do. Most of the persons questioned about Mrs. Hattie Lowry said they had only respect for her and were sorry she had

had such an experience. \$25,406,258 ASKED FOR CANAL

Estimates For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Are Made Public. Washington, D. C .- The Isthmian

Canal Comission desires an appropriation of \$25,406,258.73 to continue its work on the Panama Cana during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The estimates calling for this amount of money were made public by the commission. amount appropriated for the canal work for the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1907, was \$25,456,-

415.08. The estimates for the next fiscal year are surprisingly close to the appropriations for the current year, fact explained by the statement at the commission headquarters that in the absence of exact knowledge of what will be required it was thought best to be guided by the experience gathered before.

FOUND MISER'S \$50,000 HOARD.

Notes, Mortgages and Certificates of Deposit Buried on Farm.

Winona, Minn.—Notes, mortgages, certificates of deposit and other personal property, worth thousands of dollars, have been dug up on the farm of Lemuel Hill, an aged hermit of Pleasant Hill. It was supposed the miser had left valuables, but the searching party was amazed by the value of the documents unearthed. On his deathbed Hill told a friend

of a man who knew where his valuables were secreted. It developed, however, that this man had only a vague knowledge of the hiding place. A party was organized and much time was spent in digging before the hoard was uncovered.

No will was left, and the property, which will be worth at least \$50,000. will be divided among Hill's two brothers and a sister.

WEST VIRGINIA'S BIG REVIVAL.

More Than 2000 Accessions Church Membership Already.

Wheeling, W. Va.—A simultaneous revival occurred in all the West Virginia churches of the Christian denomination, and an unusual increase in accessions to church membership is being scored, the accessions reach-

ing more than 2000.

The revival reached its climar at Wheeling with a great mass meeting in the Court Theatre. Two thousand people were in attendance. More than forty churches, located in Parkersburg, Wheeling, Huntington, Sistersville and Clarksburg, held the revivals.

Colorado Teacher Victim of Cold. Miss Laura Scott, a school teacher,

19 years old, was found dead near

Parker, Col., of exposure. She had

lost her way while returning from making a call, and had frozen to death. Nine Persons Executed.

Nine persons charged with

tempting to blow up the Cronstadt court martial, and eight of the men arrested for the recent robbery in St. Petersburg, Russia, were executed.

Labor World. In a conflict between merchant po-

lice and union moulders at Milwaukee, John Feeley, a union man, was A new teamsters' union, to be

known as the United Teamsters of America, was formally launched at Chicago, as the rival of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Trades Union Congress in ses-

sion at Liverpool, England, has decided to ask Parliament to pension all workmen over cixty years old, the funds for paying pensions to be raised by land tax.



WASHINGTON.

Secretary Wilson left Washington for Iowa to do some political work. The Director of the Mint has purchased 100,000 ounces of silver at 70.61 cents, for delivery at New Or-

The Navy Department has ordered the cruiser Minneapolis put out of

commission at League Island. Fearing serious friction with Japan, President Roosevelt has sent Secretary Metcalf to San Francisco to investigate segregation in public schools.

Mr. R. de Marees Van Swinderen Minister of the Netherlands to the United States, arrived.

Secretary Loeb, who has been enjoying a vacation in Montana, resumed his duties at the White House. F. H. Stickney, in the Government service since 1857, and for thirty-two years disbursing clerk of the Navy Department, died aged seventy-six.

Secretary Shaw in a conference with the President said he was inclined to think that aid to the market from the Treasury was unnecessary.

The President has decided to stop at San Juan, Porto Rico, on his way back from the canal zone.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

American troops have been dispatched to a number of towns in Santa Clara, Cuba, to relieve the rural guard garrisons, which will be sent out to scatter armed bands.

Big shipments of raw sugar from the Hawaiian Islands continue. Ten cases of yellow fever are under treatment in Havana. Dr. Finlay expressed the belief that the epi-demic could be stayed.

George Cabot Ward, Auditor for Porto Rico, is trying to float a \$1,-000,000 bond issue for the building of roads.

First Lieutenant Robert B. Calvert, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, U. S. A., was killed by Sergeant Taylor, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, at Albera, Province of Leyte.

DOMESTIC.

In a hotel fire at Fourche, Ark., J. Calvert, a prominent lumber man, of Ada, I. T., lost his life. Robbers blew open the safe of the

bank at Jamestown, Mo., and-escaped

with \$2700.

The \$200,000 Illinois memorial marble temple to the dead of that State was dedicated on Vicksburg (Miss.) battlefield. Charles W. Morse has purchased

the Mallory steamship line, forging another link in his chain of coastwise vessels. Five robbers blew open the safe of the bank at Vergennes, Ill., secured \$100, mortally wounded Abraham

Kimbel and escaped. After killing J. A. Hilley, a guard, with an axe, William Fain, a colored trusty, committed suicide by taking acid at the Flat Top mines in Western Alabama.

A burglar is declared to have killed

Mrs. Lou Fuller at Goshen, Ind., while she was in bed, this being the story told by her husband. The bodies of three miners who had died from gas were found in the James Mullen mine, at New Philadel-phia, Ohio, when the day shift went

A grand jury found indictments of the Omaha Coal Exchange, on charges of violating the anti-trust laws. By inserting a tube in her mouth and turning on the gas, Mrs. James B. Pollock, wife of the instructor of

botany in the University of Michigan, killed herself at Ann Arbor. Charged with impersonating a United States recruiting officer, R. C. Smith has been arrested at Mobile,

An heroic statue of General William Henry Gibson, a famous Colonel of the Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteers, was unveiled at Tiffin, Ohio. Not having repented of his wrongs, the Illinois Supreme Court has re-

fused to reinstate Charles H. Payson as a member of the bar. Ralph N. Newton, a New York City broker, dropped dead at his summer

home at Sheffield, Mass. Brigadier-General William Hemp hill Bell, U. S. A., retired, died at his home, near Denver, Col. Samuel Dalton, for many years

died at Auburndale Sanatorium. The cornerstone of the new Colt Memorial High School at Bristol, R. I., given by Colonel S. P. Colt in memory of his mother, was laid with

Adjutant-General of Massachusetts.

Masonic ceremonies.

FOREIGN. The French Cabinet decided to enforce the Separation law, if the clergy maintain their present attitude, by sizing the property and revenues of the churches.

The German and American Ministers remain at Fez, Morocco. France has decided to send a warship to 'Tangier. Adherents of the Naundorf family,

alleged descendants of Louis XVI., greeted their "King" at St. Denis, France, recently. There was a grand reception at the palace in Madrid, Spain, followed by,

a state dinner, in honor of the birthday of Queen Victoria. An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in Paris, due to the polluted water.

Dispatches from Santo Domingo say that the revolt has been crushed Three of the insurgent leaders have been exiled. Japan is negotiating with Russia

for the establishment of an overland mail service which will bring Tokic within seventeen days of London. Beniaros tribesmen have seized the town of Arzilla, twenty-five miles south of Tangier, Morocco, and as-

sumed the governorship. A telegram from Tokio says that reports of Japanese hostility to America, owing to the school question in California, have been exaggerated. A defalcation to the amount of

\$200,000 has been discovered in the accounts of the Moscow Foundling Hospital. With great pomp, Dr. Rosen, head of the German mission to Morocco, entered Fez, creating a deep impres

sion on the natives. The signing of the modus vivendi between the United States and Great Britain in regard to the Newfoundland fisheries has caused indignation in the colony

